

"Girl Next Door"

Ailsa does her fling

By JIM THOMAS
If the skirl of the pipes causes your blood to boil, Ailsa Montgomery, a Highland dancer, will send your blood pressure out of sight.

Ailsa, a Grade 13 graduate of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, has many awards as proof of her skill. She's won these at competitions in both Canada and the United States.

She's our "Girl Next Door." Ailsa's been dancing many years, and isn't through yet. She holds an instructor's certificate and is going for her judge's badge.

"Sure, I have my off days," she says, "but quitting has never crossed my mind." She enjoys it too much.

A native of Rexdale, Ailsa and her parents, Ron and Agnes Montgomery, moved to Fincham Avenue, Markham, when she was only two. While she likes the town just fine, she enjoyed Stouffville (High School) even more. She has a close circle of friends.

Even travelling to and from S.D.S.S. each day by bus "was worth it," Ailsa says.

English was her favorite Grade 13 subject and Sandy Semeniuk her very special teacher. "She treated us like equals," says Ailsa, "and made our classes fun."

Ailsa admits she's ready to take the next step. This fall, she'll attend McMaster University, Hamilton, in a 4-year Humanities course. "But I'll miss a lot of people," she says.

For Ailsa, Highland dancing has had several side benefits. She was prominent in the chorus line at Variety Show '87 and gave of her talents as a choreographer. Also, it was during her dance travels to California that she met boyfriend Chris Huntley. Chris is currently here on a return trip.



Eighteen-year-old Ailsa Montgomery of Fincham Avenue, Markham, is a Grade 13 graduate from Stouffville High. In September, she'll begin a 4-year Humanities course at McMaster University, Hamilton.

—Jim Thomas



Fourteen-year-old Michael Groves of R.R. 1, Gormley, receives the coveted Whitchurch-Highlands Public School Staff Award at a Grade 8 graduation ceremony June 23. Making the presentation is retiring principal Malcolm (Mac) McRoberts. The plaque is emblematic of both academic and athletic achievement. Michael will attend at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora, in September.

—Jim Thomas

Principal offers advice

WHITCHURCH — "Don't be followers, be leaders," Principal Malcolm (Mac) McRoberts challenged the Grade 8 graduates of Whitchurch-Highlands Public School at a ceremony, June 23.

Mr. McRoberts, himself, a graduate after 33 years in the teaching profession, was accorded a standing ovation by appreciative parents.

He retired at the conclusion of the June term.

Principal McRoberts recalled coming to Whitchurch-Highlands when the present graduation class was enrolled in Kindergarten. He described his time spent here as "nine wonderful years."

"At high school, choose your friends carefully," Mr. McRoberts urged, "make them worthy of you."

The departing principal also had a message for the parents. He requested they maintain the same caring and supportive attitudes shown during their sons' and daughters' elementary years at Highlands.

"Keep in touch," he said, "the same way you've kept in touch with us." Too often, parents tend to leave things to chance once their children enter secondary school, he said.

Mr. McRoberts praised members of staff, calling them "a fantastic group." "Without good teachers, a school is but a shell," he said.

Twenty-two students received certificates. Erica Noble and Derek Lemon were the evening's MC's.

Individual awards were presented to — Esther Adam, (York Region Board of Education); Michael Groves, (Staff); Melanie Dreyer, (Valedictorian and Academic); Kim McClure, (Most Improved); Deanna Solomon, (Art); Markus Schatzmann, (Academic); and Michael Empringham, (Athletic).

The Mac McRoberts Science Award was won by Angela Hoover of Grade 7.

The valedictory address was delivered by Melanie Dreyer.

The list of graduates follow: Esther Adams, Tricia Aprile, Michael Booth, Jennifer Brain, Sonia Choi, Melanie Dreyer, Michael Empringham, Jason Glass, Michael Groves, Bo Jensen, Kristeen Kidd, Derk Lemon, Kim McClure, Darryl Murdoch, Sonja Newmann, Erica Noble, Markus Schatzmann, Deanna Solomon, Davey Summerfeldt, Michael Sweet, Robin Waite and Walled Zekry.

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